

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) to (c). No, Sir. However, as per the Government's policy, small scale industries are given the benefit of 15% discount in the advertisement rates if they book their advertisements directly with Doordarshan and not through advertising agencies. It is also the Doordarshan's policy to give preferential bookings in favour of small scale industries.

News-Item Captioned 'Bangladesh' Nagrikon Ko Lekar Suraksha Bal, Railway Police Main Tanav'

1623. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Bangladeshi Nagrikon Ko Lekar Suraksha Bal, Railway Police Main Tanav' appearing in Hindi daily Dainik Jagaran dated November 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government against the forcible deportation of non-Indians through 'Samjhouta Express'; and

(c) the procedure being adopted by the Government for the screening of passengers coming from Pakistan to India in 'Samjhouta Express'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government's concern and

objection regarding pushing into India of non-Indians has been conveyed suitably to the Govt. of Pakistan.

(c) Under the law relating to foreigners, only foreigners having valid travel documents, including Indian visas, are allowed to come to India from Pakistan in 'Samjhouta Express'. Those who do not have valid travel documents are refused entry. Instructions have been issued to the concerned agencies to effectively take action against illegal entrants immediately upon detection at the border.

[English]

Cultural Invasion by Cable TV and Satellite Broadcast

1624. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether cable TV and 24 hour satellite broadcast beamed from abroad are causing a cultural invasion in India;

(b) whether there are massive losses in viewership particularly in Metropolitan areas;

(c) whether Doordarshan has sponsored some independent audience research surveys to ascertain the exact extent of loss of viewership; and

(d) if so, the details of the programmes planned by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no discernible evidence to this effect.

(c) No, Sir.